

## House Resolution No. 3771

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are delighted to honor an outstanding Missourian who has witnessed dramatic changes in America during her sojourn on this most precious earth; and

**Whereas**, Gladys Hightower Smiley, a resident of Marshfield, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of her Ninety-fifth Birthday with a special celebration on June 18, 2005, at Marshfield Assembly of God Church; and

**Whereas**, on April 28, 1910, in Niangua, God brought a special gift to Jodie and Alma McKeel with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Gladys, who would put a twinkle in their eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

**Whereas**, while celebrating her birthday, Gladys Smiley will have the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in her life such as her marriage to Leland Hightower and the births of their offspring; and

**Whereas**, God has blessed Gladys Smiley with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include her children, Junior Hightower, Dortha Sanderson, Sandra Dill, and Virginia Mae (deceased); twelve grandchildren, one of whom is an angel in heaven; fifteen great-grandchildren, one of whom is also an angel in heaven; five step great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; and two step great-great-grandchildren; and

**Whereas**, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Gladys Smiley offered her children boundless emotional support, guidance, and understanding which enhanced their lives in countless ways and enabled them to become responsible citizens with families of their own; and

**Whereas**, at the respectable age of 95, Gladys Smiley is extremely grateful for the countless blessings she has received throughout the course of her long and eventful life:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and special birthday greetings to Gladys Smiley at this significant milestone and in wishing her peace and contentment as she continues to enjoy her golden years; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Gladys Hightower Smiley, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Michael L. Cunningham  
District No. 145

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do  
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 3771, adopted June 15, 2005.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker